

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **DUAL MODE OUTDOOR VACUUM**, the specification of which:

CHOOSE ONE:

is enclosed herewith. was filed on _____
as Application No. _____
and was amended on _____

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above and that we believe the named inventor(s) to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, and hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with Section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and we have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Registrations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

NONE

We hereby appoint EMRICH & DITHMAR, and each and every member and associate thereof and patent agent therein, including Paul L. Brown (Reg. No. 27,184), James J. Hill (Reg. No. 24,287), Harry M. Levy (Reg. No. 24,248), and Thomas E. Hill (Reg. No. 28,955), as our attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the patent, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all correspondence in respect to this application to: James J. Hill, Esq., EMRICH & DITHMAR, 300 South Wacker Drive, Suite 3000, Chicago, IL 60606, Telephone: (312) 663.9800.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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